resort to unprovoked firing and resolve matters through immediate flag meeting at local Commanders level.

Rape of Minors in Delhi

1450. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Three out of four rape victims are minors' as appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 19th November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that rape on minors are increasing in the country, particularly in Delhi and the law enforcing agencies have totally failed to check this crime;

(c) if so, the facts and details of such crime held during the last three years in Delhi; and

(d) whether Government propose to amend the rape laws to make them effective; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating the number of rape cases registered against minors (below 16 years) in the State/Union territories during 1996, 1997 and 1998 is enclosed. *(See* below).

(d) The Central Government is presently considering a proposal to provide death as one of the penalties for the offence of rape.

Statement

Rape against minors (below 16 years) during 1996 to 1998 States/UTs Wise

S.No.	States/UTs	Number of Victims		
		1996	1997	1998
1.	Andhra Pradesh	269	347	288
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14	27	10
3.	Assam	147	195	209
4.	Bihar	217	198	197

S.No.	States/UTs	Number of Victims 1996	1997	1998
5.	Goa	5	8	6
6.	Gujarat	117	130	135
7.	Haryana	127	156	131
8.	Himachal Pradesh	52	48	33
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	20	0	15
10.	Karnataka	88	71	79
11.	Kerala	135	167	171
12.	Madhya Pradesh	893	1018	806
13.	Maharashtra	453	501	452
14.	Manipur	7	3	7
15.	Meghalaya	10	4	11
16.	Mizoram	29	11	49
17.	Nagaland	0	3	4
18.	Orissa	83	122	122
19.	Punjab	106	75	91
20.	Rajasthan	118	143	157
21.	Sikkim	4	4	2
22.	Tamil Nadu	107	108	91
23.	Tripura	20	23	16
24.	Uttar Pradesh	535	472	516
25.	West Bengal	251	273	214
	TOTAL :	3807	4107	3812
26.	A and N Islands	4	6	2
27.	Chandigarh	1	3	4
28.	D and N Haveli	0	1	2
29.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0
30.	Delhi	269	295	239
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	2	2	0
	TOTAL UTs	276	307	247
	TOTAL ALL INDIA	4083	4414	4059

Source : Crime India Statistics.

Note : 1. Data of 1998 is provisional.
2. Data of Orissa 1997 is repeated in 1998.